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TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Communications on topics of local interest are always welcome, and will be given preference. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views of correspondents. Anonymous articles will receive no attention. Address all communications to the Proprietor.

DENVER enjoyed a snow storm and Cheyenne freezing weather this week.

MRS. GARFIELD, who has been quite ill for a week or more, is now reported better.

GRANT's railroad contract has been approved by the Mexican Chamber of Deputies.

THE OHIO PRESS, as a rule, is calling on the backbone of the Administration to be firm.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the Presbyterian Church in the United States met in Buffalo on Thursday.

WHAT has become of Billy Mahone? can it be possible that he has crawled into David Davis' coat pocket and gone to sleep?

LIEUTENANT CHERY, of the Fifth Cavalry, was killed in an engagement with highwaymen, near Nebraska, Nebraska, recently.

CONKLING has at last made the greatest effort of his life—to give the country a correct idea of the kind of a clothespin he is.

THE DIRECTOR of the mints says there are \$520,000,000 in gold coin in the United States, about \$26,000,000 of which is in actual circulation.

A RICH BOSTON man of seventy years, says an exchange, "has taken a girl of eighteen from among his factory hands and married her." Well, the girl might have done worse.

SCHOOL-GIRLS sometimes jump a rope one hundred times in succession but the feat is generally followed by a funeral in the family. Racine, Wisconsin, reports the latest death from this cause.

GRANT, it is said, has written the President a letter of advice. The President will do the country a favor and himself honor if he will mildly invite the great American Dead-Head to attend to his own business.

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THERE are only four newspaper editors in Congress. Newspaper editors, as a rule, deserve a great deal of credit for their constant endeavors to keep out of bad company.

PROF. FISHER's article reviewing the "Revised New Testament" will appear in Scribner's Monthly in the same number that the book is issued in America—namely, May 20th.

THE WEBSTER (Mass.) TIMES issued a special edition for April containing sketches of the leading business houses of the town and original contributions from well-known humorous propagandists. T. W. Greenleaf, the genial editor, formerly of the Danielsville (Conn.) Sentinel, is a vigorous and entertaining writer.

MISS EVA C. KINNEY has assumed editorial control of the Ellis (Kansas) Headlight, and announces in her first number that she is "a girl, with all a girl's love for fun, frolic and romance. Well she'll find lots of that in a newspaper office. It would astonish some people to know just how much "fun, frolic and romance" an editor of a country weekly enjoys in a single week.

But we know you'll make the Headlight shine, Miss Eva. It's a way you girls have.

A GRAND WORK.—J. Bussell Manning, M. D., V. S., for twenty-five years a practical Stock Raiser and Veterinary Surgeon, has written a book called the "Illustrated Stock Doctor and Lick Stock Encyclopedia," and we learn that it is attracting special attention. He took some of the water home with him to have it analyzed, intending to return, buy the property, build a big hotel and advertise the place as a famous health resort. Before his return, however, the owner sold everything and missed a sale at a big price by having the well cleaned out, and bringing to the surface three dead dogs and a cat.

WRITERS for the press would save the editors from a vast number of wicked expressions and make their readers happier if they would deny themselves the pleasure of slipping into their productions an occasional foreign word or phrase in order to convince everybody who reads their efforts that they have been studying the back part of Webster's dictionary. We want to say right here that we are very well acquainted with a person who does not take any stock in deceased languages. He has been trying for twenty years to gain a slight knowledge of the United States language. After he has succeeded, perhaps he will go into the back of the dictionary and learn some Latin. At present he is only familiar with two pieces of dead language—*E Pluribus Unum* and *non compos mentis*—which he has picked up incidentally in the course of his reading, and without any special effort. Though the temptation is sometimes strong to stick them into his efforts that appear in these columns, he usually reflects awhile and leaves them out. Dead languages may be good enough for mottoes and doctor's prescriptions, but they've got no manner of business in a newspaper article. There are plenty of good English words in the dictionary to express all the thoughts any of us ever have had, or ever will have, probably. French is a live language and a little of it looks well in print, but it does not add to the force of an article, particularly if the reader

don't know anything about that language and has to guess at the meaning and go on. Writers for the newspapers had better stick to our good old English, and if they have a stock of deceased language on hand, keep it until they can use it in some place where it will be more appreciated.

CONKLING AND PLATT.

On Monday Conkling resigned his seat in the Senate, and so did Platt. Platt does whatever Conkling tells him to, of course. That's the kind of a man he is, and that's what he was sent to the Senate for. Conkling's resignation created a great sensation in political circles; Platt was taken as a matter of course. The causes that led to this unprecedented move of the Senior New York Senator may be briefly stated.

At the beginning of the present administration he expected to control the political patronage of his State, and professed to have had assurances from the President that his wishes in this respect would be consulted. This, it seems, was not done, and the nomination of Judge Robertson to be Collector at New York was the bomb that opened active hostilities. Robertson is Conkling's bitterest political enemy in his own State. He is anti-machine, anti-Grant, and, consequently, anti-Conkling. He led the active opposition to the third-term movement in New York, and prevented that State from sending a solid Grant delegation to Chicago. When his name was sent to the Senate, Conkling protested and then put on his war-paint and prepared to fight, but "about these days," as the almanac says, the President was found to have a pretty substantial back-bone, or else a good one hand that he could borrow. He showed no disposition to back down, and quietly informed Mr. Conkling, in a pleasant sort of way, of course, that he was President of the United States—including New York. Then Conkling went to work to have all the New York nominations confirmed, except Robinson, who was to be left out in the cold, but Mr. Garfield knew a trick worth two of that, and anticipated Conkling's scheme by withdrawing all the New York names save that of Robertson. After protesting in his caucus, and seeing that the confirmation of his enemy to the most important office in his State was inevitable, he made the "greatest effort of his life" and resigned his seat.

It is believed that he resigned in order to be sent back, with his course endorsed by a supposed Conkling legislature. But his chances for re-election are thought to be slim and gradually growing less. Robertson was confirmed on Wednesday with only two or three dissenting votes, and the news was received with great rejoicing at Albany and in other parts of the State. By his resignation, Conkling has probably laid himself on the shelf, politically, and the country will not be the loser.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 20, 1881.

DELAWARE R. — TRAINS LEAVE MIDDLETOWN,  
Going North, 10:44 A.M., 1:30 P.M., 3:30 P.M.,  
Going South, 10:44 A.M., 2:30 P.M., 2:30 P.M.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Town Notes.  
Farmers are busy and happy.

The dry dead-lock in the weather is broken.

The country is "just so sweet for anything."

The train will be put on the Delaware railroads on Monday.

This has been a bad week on Middletown building operations.

See the power of the press: Johnson hasn't got a spring grindstone left.

Faard & Company report the sale of twenty-four self-binding reapers thus far.

The annual statement of the Olden Dramatic Association has not yet been announced.

G. W. W. Naudain has commenced excavating for the foundation walls of the new addition to his store.

The annual statement of the Road Commissioners of Newlinminkin is published this week.

Friend George Wilson is ready for the excursion season. He has a new rib put in his big umbrella yesterday.

The ball committee, after paying all their bills, had a surplus left, which they invested in books.

Several of our stores have employed an extra force of clerks in order to meet the demands of the brisk spring trade.

The Whitlock property, in Middletown, advertised to be sold at Sheriff's sale on Friday last, has been sold.

There are no people in the world who enjoy a joke more than Middletown people, when the joke is on some other fellow.

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